

GOETHALS DEFENDS LOCKS

HAS BEEN CONVERTED, HE SAYS, FROM SEA LEVEL CANAL.

Shouts Back "1915" When As He Sails Away Some One Asks Him If the Canal Will Be Done in 1915—Talks to a Chamber of Commerce Committee.

The committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to make a study from the standpoint of the requirements of the world's shipping of the problems involved in the construction of the Panama Canal had Col. George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal, before it yesterday. Col. Goethals had come on from Washington to meet the committee and was with it from about 9 to nearly noon. He sailed yesterday afternoon on the steamer Advance for Panama. According to a statement issued after the session was over, Col. Goethals used to believe in a sea level canal, but is now "not only a convert to the lock scheme but a convert to a partisan of it." William Barclay Parsons, who appeared the week before at the committee's first session, declared himself emphatically to be an adherent of the sea level type.

Col. Goethals explained that his change of opinion came about after he got on the ground. Before that, while he had not been called in or consulted in any way while the plans were being formulated, he had nevertheless made up his mind in favor of a sea level canal, being convinced from his reading and from talks with George W. Davis and Col. Black. Col. Goethals took occasion to defend the independence of his judgment.

"It has been intimated and stated," the statement says, "that as a military man I am subject to orders and am obliged to carry out any proposition that is put up to me. I want to disclaim or disavow any such statement because it is not true. If I did not believe I could do the work down there as it is projected I wouldn't hesitate to let the authorities know it; and there has absolutely nothing developed since we have been there which in any way throws any discredit on the canal as we are building it, and there is no doubt in the minds of any of us that it can be built."

The advantages of the lock type of canal, the statement says, "are that it can be built for less money, it can be built in a shorter time, it gives freer and easier navigation, and it makes a friend of the Chagres River, while with a sea level canal the Chagres River is a constant menace."

The lock canal gives easier navigation by reason of its wider channels, easier curves and fewer curves, and the only drawbacks are the locks; and that is where I believe, if I understand the situation correctly, the opponents of the lock canal are now concentrating all their efforts. The locks are built so as to take in about 1,000 feet long, with a width of 150 feet. The boats will not be allowed to enter the locks under their own steam, but will be taken in very much as the barges are on the New York State canal. So far as navigation is concerned in the locks they offer no impediments to passage, nor do they endanger the ships as much as the narrow channels of the sea level canal."

Col. Goethals scouted the idea that any danger would attach to the passage of ships through a lock canal, and described in detail a device which would be introduced to insure perfect safety to all craft while in transit.

The committee which is investigating the question for the Chamber of Commerce consists of John B. Dunlap, chairman; A. P. Boller, W. L. Saunders, J. W. Miller, C. A. Pugsley, Julio F. Soriano and John D. Crimmins. Of these Mr. Dunlap is editor of the *Engineering Magazine*, and Mr. Boller and Mr. Soriano are engineers.

Col. Goethals was the last man up the gangplank of the steamship Advance, which sailed yesterday for the Canal Zone. A man on the pier shouted to him as the Advance drew out into the stream: "Bay, Colonel, 1915!"

The voyager smiled and shouted back: "No, 1915."

BIG FIRE IN CLAYTON, N. Y.

Six Blocks Destroyed, With Most of Their Contents.

CLAYTON, N. Y., March 27.—A fire starting from the gas plant in Levy Bros.' dry goods store at 12 o'clock last night totally destroyed the McKinley, Fitzgerald, Porter and Foley blocks here. Levy Bros.' dry goods and clothing stores, Harry McKinley's bakery and grocery, George H. Bates's printing office, John Foley's shoe store, Barnhart & Butt's furniture and undertaking rooms and J. E. Hambley's shoe store, all contained in the burned blocks, were totally destroyed, except Hambley's, whose stock was saved. The Thorpe and Clark blocks were gutted, but the west walls are still standing. The Hubbard House is a total wreck, though the brick part still stands. There were ten families living over the burned stores, who lost everything, some tenants barely escaping in their night clothes. No lives were lost. The automobile garage of M. J. Kanaly, with one automobile, and the blacksmith shop and tools of Frank Thibault were totally destroyed. It is impossible to estimate the amount of loss, but as the insurance rate was very high most of those burned out were carrying their own insurance. Whether the buildings will be rebuilt, it will be impossible to get then in shape for the opening of the summer season, which will make the losses much greater than the loss of buildings and contents indicates.

MYSTERY AT HER FUNERAL.

Anna Mangano's Mother Tries to Jump From Window—Many Pray in the Street.

Police reserves were called from the East 104th street station yesterday to clear the street in front of Filippo Mangano's home at 158 East 109th street when the body of Mangano's daughter, Anna, whom her father murdered last Wednesday, was taken out for burial. Women knelt in the street and became hysterical when the coffin was carried down to the hearse. Friends prevented the mother of the girl from throwing herself out of a window. A band led the way down Second avenue to St. Lucy's Church in 104th street. The church had been filled for two hours. Hundreds of women prayed in the street in front. Forty teachers from Public School No. 121, where Miss Mangano taught, were in the party that went to Calvary Cemetery.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Four Perish in Their Home in Their Mother's Absence.

ODDENSEBURG, N. Y., March 27.—A fatal fire occurred yesterday afternoon about one mile from Iron Hill, in which four young children of Henry Everett lost their lives—a girl of 7 years, a girl of 2, and two boys, 5 and 3 years of age. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Everett went to visit neighbors, leaving the four children in the house alone. The house being situated in a valley the fire was not discovered for some time, but it was then too late to render any assistance. A valuable dog, which was also in the house was burned to death. There are two other children in the family, but they were absent at school at the time of the fire. The charred remains of the children were found in the debris.

Crowded Out: Women's and Misses' Suits, Women's Evening Capes, Muslin Underwear, Corsets, Handkerchiefs, Veilings, Boys' Suits, Diamond Rings, Linens, Framed Pictures, Lace Curtains and Underprice Basement Specials.

R. H. Macy & Co.'s Attractions Are Their Low Prices.

Macy's
34th to 6th Av. 34th to 35th St.

At Macy's Monday The Life and Tide of Trade Will Move Merchandise in Masses.

29c Messaline Ribbons at 19c

All-silk Messaline Ribbons, with surfaces aglow with the soft, steady, iridescent sheen that shines in quality alone. They are six inches wide. They are right and bright for any Ribbon use—practical or decorative. The color range is complete. None of the old or new tints missing. Our regular price is 29c. a yard.

Main Floor.

Dress Goods Special

Main Floor.

Ask drygoodsers or women what's the staplest and smartest stuff for Spring wear. Nine times out of ten the answer will be "Black-and-White Shepherd Checks." There's a craze for them—a rage for them—and they are scarce everywhere but here.

We caught the earliest indications of their popularity and acted. Wanting to stir interest in Dress Goods, what more natural than to make these charming All-Wool Black-and-White Shepherd Checks the stirrer?

That's what we've done. They are 41 inches wide.

Value \$1.00; Special at 68c

If You Get Within Reach of These Silks You'll Buy Them

Main Floor.

Look at the Silks; then look at the price. If you are an expert judge of values the first thing you'll say is that qualities and prices are not, evenly balanced—prices are too low. True, absolutely true.

49c for 75c. Printed Crepe de Chine, 22 inches wide, bordered effects. Women are using them for automobile veils.

99c for \$1.25 Satin Messaline, 36 inches wide, including more colors than we care to catalogue. They are a good buy.

Black Peau de Soie, 36 inches wide. Size this Silk up. Measure it by anybody's best at \$1.25 a yard—weave, weight, width—our price, 99c.

\$1.19 for \$1.50 Black Satin Parisienne, 36 inches wide. It's a good, square bargain if ever there was one.

Black Dress Goods Specials

All-wool Chevron Suitings—

Striped effects. Not pale apologies of stripes, but wide and as striking as self-colored, and that color black, stripes can well be. 50 inches wide. Made to sell at \$1.00 a yard.

Black Satin Directoire—

One of the richest of the beautiful lustrous brood. Medium weight, with unrivalled draping qualities. Excellence and elegance combined. 42 inches wide. Value \$1.00 a yard.

Special 68c

Special 78c

We are responsible for the weave, color, finish, wear.

25c "Kindergarten Cloth" at 19c

"Kindergarten Cloth" is 30 inches wide and will retail for twenty-five cents a yard.

So reads an announcement printed in a fashion magazine. Wrong, wrong—at Macy's the retail price is 19c a yard.

We don't know whether or not "Kindergarten Cloth" has come to vanquish all other cottons for children's dresses. That's for the makers of other stuffs to worry over.

Wash Goods Department, Main Floor.

"Kindergarten Cloth" is a hard-woven textile, with a semi-glazed, linen surface. Even the feel of it is as cool and crisp as flax. The designs and colorings will make the hard-headed Scotch and quick-witted Yankee spinners take notice. There is no inherent dullness in a single yard of it.

Advertised elsewhere at 25c; our price 19c

25c White Shirting Madras at 15c

White Shirting Madras, 32 inches wide, stripes, figures and diagonals, appropriate for women's waists and blouses and men's shirts.

65c Chiffon Batiste at 29c

Imported Hand-woven white Chiffon Batiste—a filmy, evenly woven fabric, 48 inches wide; dainty for waists, graduation and confirmation dresses; value 65c. a yard, special at 29c.

White Goods Dept.

And Now for the Gloves!

Main Floor.

We haven't dug out antiquated, obsolete styles with which to attempt a false Glove dazzle. Low price doesn't count for much with women who want Gloves that are at one with Fashion.

Here are the Gloves that are in largest demand.

\$1.00 Short Chamois Gloves at 79c

Women's Short Chamois Gloves, either Pique seam spear back or full pique Paris point, one pearl button and button-hole, round corners, cream and white; regular \$1.00 value, special 79c.

\$1.00 Mousquetaire Gloves, 74c

In tan, black and white, full elbow length, double finger tips; Milanese quality, domestic make; regular \$1.00 value, special at 74c.

Untrimmed Straw Hats

1st Fl.

These Hats are hatched, but they are not feathered or plumed. They are imported rough straw braid, in all the newest shapes—black, burnt brown, old rose, gray, navy, catwaba, Alice and the like.

Value \$1.24 to \$1.44; Special at 88c

Fine Satin Braid Hats in the gamest, classiest, mushroomiest shapes—white, burnt brown, navy, old rose, hello, taupe, gray and catwaba.

Value \$1.50; Special at 94c

Trimmed Hats on the Balcony—full-fledged—rough and ready, fine and fancy straw, adorned with ribbons, wings and flowers that deceive you into touching or smelling them to find out if they are real, \$2.94 to \$10.89.

The Truth About These Bags

Yes, the simple truth is strong enough! Our regular price for them is \$2.97. For this sale we've reduced them to \$2.24. They are the exact styles, sizes and qualities that others advertise at \$3.50 and \$3.95. Ours and theirs are in plain view. Look for yourself.

Carriage and Swagger Shapes—made of long grain morocco, real seal, saffian, fancy and polished calf alligator, patent and goat seal, in black, brown, tan, green, catwaba, blue and gray. They are lined with leather or silk moire, fitted with purse, trimmed with gilt and gun-metal and have strap handles.

Seventy-three cents clipped from the price for Monday's selling.

Main floor.

Umbrellas—All Silk—Pretty Handles Worth up to \$5.00—Special, \$1.94

What will the Umbrella makers say when they read the above? But what will you do—is of greater importance. If you have any present or prospective need of an Umbrella, you should buy one.

Main Floor.

Eight-ribbed Paragon frames give lightness and strength to these Umbrellas, over which silk coverings are stretched. 28-inch size. The handles have gilt, sterling silver, pearl and gun-metal caps, with plain or fancy bands; plain or gilt and silver-trimmed natural woods; pearl hooks and ends mounted with sterling silver and the new Directoire wood handles decorated with applied silver initials.

Never mind "how," never mind "why." Just remember clearly and distinctly that these Umbrellas are worth up to \$5.00, and you may choose the one you like best and own it for \$1.94.

\$10.00 Semi-Made Robes at \$7.39

Embroidered Muslin Robes, skirts made of embroidery flouncings 17 inches deep, and trimmed with four bands of wide inserting, plain material for waist; value \$10.00, special at \$7.39.

\$12.00 Lierre Lace Robes at \$9.19

Elaborately embroidered white or ecru lace net; skirts have two flounces, trimmed with handsome lace medallions, ample material and trimming for waist; value \$12.00, special at \$9.19.

65c. to 98c. Drapery Nets at 49c.

Fancy Cotton Nets and Tuckings, 18 inches wide, embroidered Persian effects and "rainbow" stripes; value 65c. to 98c. a yard, at 49c.

Strips of Embroideries: Very Cheap!

Fine Nainsook Embroideries, in 4½ to 6¾ yard strips—demi-flouncings, insertings and edgings—1 to 17 inches wide—many of them in matched sets. Value 13c. to 98c. a yard; special 9c. to 49c. Sold only by the strip.

Main Floor.

74c for Trimmings Worth Up to \$2.25

Here's richness! Silk Bands Embroidered on Tosca Net, Separable Silk Appliqued Designs, Gold and Silver Tinselled Bands in Button Effects—1¾ to 3¼ inches wide. The colorings are beautiful; patterns, too. All just came over from the other side. They are worth \$1.25 to \$2.25 a yard; special at 74c.

BUTTONS Fancy Metal Buttons, jeweled and enameled, gold, silver and steel effects.

Recent importations. Sizes for trimming dresses and big automobile coats.

Men's Pleated Bosom Shirts Value \$1.50 & \$2.00. Special \$1.09

They are the "Savoy" Shirts, made of madras in stripes and figures; coat model, pleated bosoms, attached cuffs, all sizes.

Main Floor, rear.



Twelve Hundred Boys' Washable Suits

Made to Sell at

\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50

Choice at \$1.39

2d Floor

They are for full-blooded, hilarious boys, bounding with life and spirit. The solemnest Earnest Willie will feel like frisking and romping in one of these dashing Suits. They are Sailor and Russian Blouse styles, made of best quality galatea in plain colors and stripes. Collars, shields and sleeves have the right touch. For rough-and-tumblers 2½ to 12 years old.

Boys' \$8.50 Suits at \$6.49

When we say "\$8.50 Suits at \$6.49" it's not a figure of speech—but it is two figures that express a fact. These suits are made of fine, rich, velour-finished cassimeres in neat, quiet, tasteful colors and modest patterns. Long model Derby coats, new style pocket and cuff trimmings, lined with mohair. Each Suit has two pair lined knickerbocker trousers, sizes 7 to 17 years. Charming for school; jaunty for vacation. Worth \$8.50; choice at \$6.49.

Theo. Haviland's Dinner Sets

Many people possess Blue China that is associated with family traditions. They regard this China with a kind of reverence. It is too sacred to use.

We have plenty of the beautiful China that is destined to become heirlooms, but just now we wish to emphasize two rare values for everyday use. Here they are:

One hundred Theo. Haviland's Decorated Dinner Sets, 101 pieces, floral design in natural colors, gold-stippled handles.

Sold elsewhere at \$30.00

Our regular price \$21.89

Special at \$14.89

Fifty Theo. Haviland's Decorated Dinner Sets, 101 pieces, stippled with gold, floral decoration in natural colors.

Sold elsewhere at \$40.00

Our regular price \$29.89

Special at \$19.89

Finer Dinner Sets Ranging Up to \$297.63.

Stern Brothers

Cloak Department

THEIR ENTIRE SPRING AND SUMMER IMPORTATIONS OF THE LATEST MODELS IN

Evening Wraps, Coats and Paletots

ARE NOW BEING DISPLAYED

ALSO A COMPLETE LINE OF GARMENTS FOR AUTOMOBILE AND STEAMER WEAR.

Special for Monday

Broadcloth Evening Wraps, in a variety of colorings, at \$27.50, 35.00, 45.00
Broadcloth Top Coats, trimmed with braid, 20.00, 22.50
Satin Top Coats, Embroidered, 22.50

Misses' Tailored Suits & Dresses

Very Attractively Priced

Suits, of French or hard finish Serges, Three-quarter Length Coat, peau de cygne lined, at \$23.50
Dresses, of Figured Foulards and Messalines, all shades, pretty lace or net yoke, full length sleeves, at 19.75

Girls' Washable Dresses and Coats

Reefers, Dressy Model, of navy, reseda, old blue and red Poca Cloth, neatly trimmed with silk soutache braid in designs, 8 to 16 yrs., \$8.95
Washable Dresses, of Imported Repp or Plain Chambrays, in light blue, pink, tan, cadet and rose, Dutch Neck Model, 8 to 16 yrs., 6.50
Children's Coats, of navy, tan, red and rose Poca Cloth, Collarless Model, lined with sateen, fancy buttons, 2 to 8 yrs., 3.95

Women's Lingerie Waists

A large purchase will be placed on sale To-morrow at \$1.65, 2.35 and 3.65

Very Much Less Than Actual Value

French Hand-made Blouses,

at \$4.95, 9.75 and 14.50

Special Sale of Boys'

Washable Russian & Sailor Suits

At an Extraordinarily Low Price

Imported Woven Galatea Stripes, also Imported White Piques and Drills, plain or handsomely trimmed.

Russian Suits with Sailor or Military Collars,

Regular Value \$3.50 at \$1.95

400 Pcs. Lace Curtains

At Decided Reductions

Colored Madras Curtains, at \$2.95, 4.50, 5.75
Values \$4.95 to 9.75 Pair
Irish Point Curtains, at \$4.90, 6.90, 7.50
Values \$6.50 to 9.75 Pair
Renaissance Curtains, at \$5.50, 6.50, 8.50
Values \$7.50 to 12.50 Pair

(THIRD FLOOR)

To-morrow, an Extraordinary Sale of

5000 Yds. Imported All Wool Voiles

NEAT SHADOW STRIPE, IN THE MOST SELECT FRENCH COLORS, ALSO BLACK,

Regular Price \$1.35 Yard at 48c

Lace Departments

An Exceptional Purchase of

Valenciennes, Mechlin and Imitation Cluny Laces and Insertions, in white and ecru, from 1½ to 2½ in. wide, 29c, 35c, 45c, 58c to \$1.45 Doz. Yds. Regular Values 58c to \$2.50 Doz. Yds.

Point de Paris, Valenciennes, Mechlin, Bohemian, Imitation Cluny and Fancy Cotton Laces and Insertions, in white and ecru, from 1½ to 5½ inches wide, 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c to 45c Yd. Regular Values 15c to 85c Yard

Allovers to match, in white and ecru, 17 to 45 inches wide, 45c, 65c, 90c, \$1.20 to 2.75 Yd. Regular Values 95c to \$5.25 Yard

An Important Offering of

Linen Dress Fabrics

6500 Yds. { All Linen and Union Linen Suitings, in desirable colors and natural, Value 35c Yard at 19c

4500 Yds. { White Pure Linens, 36 inches wide, grass bleach, suiting weight, Value 50c Yard at 28c

A Large Collection of

Embroideries

At Specially Reduced Prices

Nainsook, Cambric and Swiss Edgings and Insertions, 1 to 10 inches wide,

at 7c, 12c, 18c, 23c and 29c yard Value 12c to 50c

Swiss Flouncings, 18 and 27 inches, at 39c, 45c, 53c, 65c and 75c yard Value 50c to \$1.25

West Twenty-third Street